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SUMMARY: DURING THE APRIL VISIT TO FRANCE OF SRV PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG, THE QUAI OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS TALKED WITH MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION ABOUT SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHOM THE GOF WISHED TO HAVE COME TO FRANCE: FRENCH WOMEN MARRIED TO VIETNAMESE CITIZENS AND THEIR HUSBANDS; SOME VIETNAMESE WITH SPECIAL TIES TO FRANCE BUT WITHOUT RELATIVES HERE; AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE FRENCH ARE NOT PUSHING FOR ANY FORMALIZATION OF THEIR CURRENT OFFICE IN SAIGON, BUT EXPECT IT TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS IN THE PAST FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. QUAI DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS CHAYET SAID THAT THEY HAD RAISED WITH THE VIETNAMESE DURING PHAM VAN DONG'S VISIT THE THREE
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CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHOM THEY WISH TO HELP LEAVE
SOUTH VIETNAM.

A. FRENCH WIVES AND THEIR VIETNAMESE HUSBANDS AND
CHILDREN.

WHEN QUERIED BY CHAYET, VU HOANG (VN HEAD OF

CONSULAR AFFAIRS) SAID THAT THE FRENCH WIVES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO DEPART SAIGON. HOANG COMMENTED THAT SOME FRENCH WIVES MARRIED TO HIGH RANKING GVN VIETNAMESE HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED EXIT PERMITS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THEIR HUSBANDS' MISDEEDS, BUT THE SRV WOULD NOW LET THEM GO. VU HOANG REITERATED THE VALIDITY OF THE DECEMBER 1975 AGREEMENT ON REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, BY WHICH CHAYET UNDERSTOOD THE VIETNAMESE WOULD PERMIT VIETNAMESE HUSBANDS NOT IN REEDUCATION CAMPS TO ACCOMPANY OR JOIN FRENCH WIVES IN FRANCE. CHAYET BELIEVED THAT THIS WOULD APPLY NOT ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAD NEVER BEEN IN REEDUCATION, BUT ALSO THOSE RELEASED FROM IT. CHAYET NOTED THAT THESE WERE THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE SRV WOULD NOW BE ACTING, BUT AS IN THE PAST ONE MUST ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTIONS FOR REASONS WHICH IN SOME CASES MIGHT BE CLEAR ONLY TO THE SRV. CHAYET HAD NOT PUSHED ON THE CASES OF HUSBANDS IN REEDUCATION SINCE

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HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND ALSO VU HOANG ANTICIPATED SUCH A REQUEST WHEN HE NOTED THAT, IN THE CASE OF FRANCE IN L944/45, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOF WOULD HAVE RELEASED FOR EMIGRATION TO THE US PERSONS ACCUSED OF BEING COLLABORATIONISTS.

B. VIETNAMESE OF CONCERN TO GOF.

THIS SUBJECT WAS RAISED ONLY INDIRECTLY. AGAIN THE VIETNAMESE SAID THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF DECEMBER 1975 STILL APPLIED. CHAYET SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GO INTO DETAILS AT THIS TIME WITH THE SRV SINCE THE GOF DID NOT YET HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE CRITERIA IT SHOULD APPLY NOR THE NUMBERS IT MIGHT PROPOSE. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN LATER PERHAPS.

C. CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN VIETNAM.

THE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WERE RAISED BY ALLUSION. FRANCE WAS EMBARRASSED TO PRESS ON THIS CATEGORY BECAUSE THE GOF IS NOT ABLE TO SAY DEFINITELY WHAT CATEGORIES OF KHMER IT WILL TAKE, WHAT NUMBERS ETC. ALSO THERE IS A UNHCR ROLE WHICH IS NOT YET DEFINED. A NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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KHMER WITH RELATIVES IN FRANCE HAVE ALREADY APPROVED ENTRY VISAS SO THERE IS A BACKLOG OF KHMER IN VIETNAM ALREADY ABLE TO ENTER FRANCE. THE GOF HAD NOTED THAT THE NUMBER PERMITTED TO LEAVE SAIGON WAS INCREASING; WHEREAS IN THE PAST IT WAS ABOUT 4 OR 5 PER FLIGHT, IT IS NOW ABOUT 15 PER FLIGHT. CHAYET SAID HE TOLD VU HOANG THAT THE GOF HAD READ WHAT THE SRV HAD SAID ABOUT THE KHMER, AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE GOF TO BE PRECISE, IT WAS STILL READY TO TAKE SOME KHMER.

2. ACCORDING TO CHAYET, THE VIETNAMESE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE CURRENT FUNCTIONING OF THE FRENCH "CONSULATE GENERAL" IN SAIGON. CHAYET IMPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO MAKE ITS STATUS OFFICIAL AND PERMANENT LEST THE RESULT BE A REQUEST FOR ITS CLOSING. CHAYET NOTED THAT IT WAS THE PROVISIONAL WHICH LASTED.
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